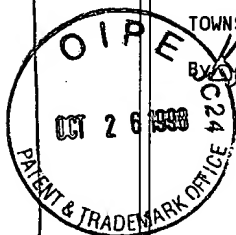


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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 22, 1998, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14. Please cancel claim 34. All pending claims are reproduced for convenient reference.

14. (Amended) A method for replacing a section of blood vessel inner layer comprising the steps of:

forming an incision into the blood vessel;

removing a section of an inner layer of a blood vessel through the incision, wherein the removal creates at least one end flap in a remaining blood vessel inner layer;

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